

875—177.4(90A) Event.

177.4(1) Officials. Officials will consist of the referee, physician, and timekeeper.

177.4(2) Referee. The referee is charged with the enforcement of all rules of the commissioner which apply to the performance and conduct of contestants and their seconds while in the ring. The referee shall wear latex gloves at all times while in the ring.

177.4(3) Timekeeper. The timekeeper shall keep an exact record of time taken out at the request of a referee for an examination of a contestant by the physician, replacing a glove or adjusting any equipment during a round. The timekeeper shall sound a whistle ten seconds before the start of the round and overtime. The timekeeper shall be impartial and shall not signal interested parties at any time during a fight.

177.4(4) Participants. The contestants, seconds and managers are subject to approval by the commissioner.

177.4(5) Weighing of contestants. Contestants shall be weighed and examined on the day of the scheduled fight by the attending ring physician, at a time and place to be determined by the commissioner. All weigh-ins will be conducted with the boxer stripped. Accurate scales shall be furnished by the promoter.

177.4(6) Weight restrictions. Permission must be received from the commissioner for a contest when there is more than a 20-pound difference in the contestants' weights, except when both contestants weigh more than 200 pounds.

177.4(7) Fight time limitation. Each fight shall consist of one 10-minute round. If a decision is not achieved, there shall be a one-minute rest period. One overtime round not to exceed five minutes shall follow.

177.4(8) Persons allowed in the ring. No person other than the two contestants and the referee shall enter the ring during the fight, except the attending physician if asked by the referee to examine a contestant. Seconds may not enter the ring between the round and the overtime.

177.4(9) Seconds.

a. Unless special permission is granted by the commissioner, there shall be no more than two seconds. Before the start of the fight, each corner shall notify the referee of the name of the chief second.

b. Seconds shall not enter the ring until the timekeeper indicates the termination of the round and must leave at the sound of the timekeeper's whistle before the beginning of a round or overtime.

c. Before leaving the ring at the start of the round, the seconds shall remove all obstructions, buckets, stools, bottles, towels and robes from the ring floor and ring enclosure.

d. Seconds shall not smoke in the ring or corners and shall not wear a hat or cap while working in the corner.

e. Seconds shall wear latex gloves at all times while attending any contestant.

f. Seconds shall not throw or splash water upon a contestant. A wet sponge may be used between the round and overtime to refresh the contestant. Excess water on the floor of the ring shall be wiped up immediately. Water discharged from the mouth of a contestant shall be caught in a bucket.